

NPDES Stormwater

Technical Advisory Committee

REPORT OF MEETING

TUESDAY, OCTOBER 21, 2003

10:00 A. M

CITY OF MILLBRAE

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1. INTRODUCTIONS AND REVISION TO AGENDA

Self-Introductions were made and no revisions were made to the Agenda.

2. PRESENTATIONS

- A. Fred stated that the Final San Mateo Countywide STOPPP Annual Report 2002-2003 had been placed on the sign-in table and there was one for each municipality.
- B. Bob reported that the Superior Court Judge has not yet rendered his final decision on the BayKeeper lawsuit, but the preliminary finding was in our favor on all issues. The Judge has until mid-November to make his final decision.
- C. Fred led a discussion of the Draft San Mateo Countywide Stormwater Management Plan 2004-2009. He highlighted the major changes and the proposed schedule for submittal of the NPDES permit renewal application to the RWQCB in mid January 2004. Comments are to be submitted to EOA, Inc. by Friday, October 29th at 5:00 PM. This will only give EOA one week to produce and print the Final SWMP. A Special meeting of the NPDES TAC was announced for Tuesday, November 4, 2003 in Foster City to adopt the Final SWMP. Bob stated that County Counsel is leaning towards each municipality adopting its own separate City Council resolution to adopt the SWMP and authorize the STOPPP Program Coordinator to submit the NPDES Permit Renewal application to the RWQCB. This means scheduling the resolution on a City Council meeting agenda in late November or in December. The application is due at the RWQCB around January 21st, which allows for some possible slip into the first week of January. Our application must be complete and on time to be valid.
- D. Fred referred to a handout that shows the fee schedule for the new State NPDES fees. He reminded everyone that the State imposed these new fees last year, but reduced them by one-half because of the late notice. This year it was intended to increase the fees back to their full value. Since then, the State has increased the full fees by 25% and then added another 18.5% for "ambient discharges". This results in a 48% +/- increase over the full fees established last year. Bills are expected after the first of the year and will be mailed from the RWQCB directly to each city.
- E. Habte was not able to attend the TAC meeting because of a conflict with the State of the Estuary Conference in Oakland.

3. SUBCOMMITTEE REPORTS

PUBLIC INFORMATION/PARTICIPATION – BARBARA EBEL

Barbara reported that PI/P met and discussed and approved the SWMP proposal. There was a miscommunications and the Performance Standards revision was not ready, but will be e-mailed out to the membership for e-mail comments. PIP then discussed the thermometer exchange, the Zun Zun School Assembly program, and the Community Grants Program reimbursement.

COMMERCIAL/INDUSTRIAL AND ILLICIT DISCHARGE – CYNTHIA ROYER

Bob and Fred reported that CI/I met and discussed and approved the SWMP proposal. Habte was in attendance to discuss the interpretation of Regional Board Staff's comments on the FY 2001/2002 Annual Report. CI/I discussed and approved the revisions to Illicit Discharge Control and Industrial and Commercial Discharge Performance Standards. CI/I also discussed the update of the mercury outreach material and agreed to the revisions to the Industrial and Illicit Discharge Controls Section of the SWMP.

NEW DEVELOPMENT – RAY HONAN

Ray reported that the New Development did meet. They heard a report on the BASMAA New Development Committee. Habte was in attendance to discuss the RWQCB Staff's comments on the STOPPP FY2001/2002 Annual Report. A discussion on Provision C.3 Work Products was postponed to the November 4th meeting. The NDS approved the updated Performance Standards and New Development and Construction Controls Section of the SWMP.

MUNICIPAL GOVERNMENT MAINTENANCE ACTIVITIES – VINCE FALZON

Bob reported that the Municipal Government Maint. Committee did meet and discussed and approved the Performance Standards as they relate to the proposed SWMP. The Committee also discussed the Municipal Maintenance forms and how they can be more useful and less cumbersome.

WATERSHED AND MONITORING – KEN ROBINSON

Ken reported that WAM did meet and discussed and approved the SWMP. They also discussed the Creek Watershed Studies that are in progress. There was a discussion of the proposed SFEI Watershed Study, which might include the northern San Mateo county watersheds. There is an 80% chance of funding and each participating city will be asked for their storm drainage maps, in addition to approximately 2 man-days of staff time to review and comment on the draft product.

4. PUBLIC COMMENTS

John Plock reported that the Sanitary Sewer District leak that was mentioned several months ago, no longer goes to the storm drain system, but the beaches may still be affected. He also reported the sightings of several salmon off the San Mateo coast in the harbor area. He stated that this is the first such sighting in recent memory.

5. ANNOUNCEMENTS

Bob announced the RWQCB Construction Site and Erosion Control Workshop on October 28th in Daly City.

Bob announced the joint Santa Clara/San Mateo PCO Workshop on November 4th in Palo Alto.

Bob reminded everyone of the requirement to prepare a certification letter that the City staff has inspected all construction sites for erosion control.

6. ADJOURNED